

REMARKS

By this amendment the drawings and paragraphs [0028] and [0041] of the specification have been amended. No claims have been added. No new matter has been added.

In response to Objection to the Drawings

The drawings have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.84 on the basis of the following informalities: Figure 9 shows two views that should be labeled separately; Figures 1-7 and 9-12E contain reference lines that are not sufficiently clear; Figures 1-12E contain numbers, reference characters and legends that are not sufficiently clear; Figures 8-10 contain reference characters that are not sufficiently large; and Figures 4A and 4B are too close together.

The Applicants believe that these objections have been addressed and overcome by the present amendment.

In response to the objection, the Applicants have amended Figures 1-12E. No new matter has been added by this amendment, as the amended drawings are merely formalized versions of the drawings originally filed. Figures 9A and 9B as amended are the two views originally included in Figure 9.

Paragraphs [0028] and [0041] of the specification have been amended to be consistent with the separation of Figure 9 into Figures 9A and 9B. No new matter has been added.

As a result of the present amendments, the objection is believed to be overcome and should be withdrawn.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in a better condition for issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

No fees are believed to be necessary in connection with the filing of the present reply. However, in case of any fee should be necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account number 502977.

Respectfully submitted,

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